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Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

By its resolution 1999/3 of 25 March 1999, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme". For the text of the draft resolution see the annex.

In order for the General Assembly to consider the draft resolution, it will be necessary to reopen the consideration of item 12 of the agenda of the fifty-third session.

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Annex

Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/8 of 1 November 1995,

1. *Decides*, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of three years from among the States included in the lists[1] set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme, in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of limited membership:

(a) Eight members from the States included in list A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(b) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(c) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(d) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(e) Three members from the States included in list E, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(f) One additional member rotating among the States included in lists A, B and C to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the pattern of rotation shall be as follows:

(i) A State from list A is to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term out of four, starting from 1 January 2000;

(ii) A State from list B is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the second term out of four, starting from 1 January 2003;

(iii) A State from list C is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the fourth term out of four, starting from 1 January 2009;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect one member from the States included in list E for a term of three years beginning on 1 January 2000;

3. *Decides* that the above-mentioned distribution of seats shall be reviewed two years before the end of one full rotation scheme of four terms, as referred to in paragraph 1 (f) of the present resolution. Such a review shall be in accordance with the relevant

[1] Reproduced in E/1998/L.1/Add.4, annex II.

provisions of General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 50/8, taking into account the relevant inputs of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the result of the review shall enter into force on 1 January 2012;

4. *Decides further* that, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.